क्र० सं०	संस्था का नाम	परीक्षा का नाम जिसे मान्यता दी गई	समकक्ष परीक्षा के लिये निर्धारित हिन्दी का स्तर
12	केरल हिन्दी प्रचार सभा, त्रिवेंद्रम	प्रवेश भूषण साहित्याचार्य	एस०एल०सी० इन्टर बी०ए०
13	मणिपुर हिन्दी परिषद्, इम्फाल	प्रबोध विशारद रत्न	एस०एल०सी० इन्टर बी०ए०
14	कर्नाटक–महिला हिन्दी सेवा समिति, बंगलौर	*हिन्दी उत्तमा *हिन्दी भाषा-भूषण भाषा प्रवीण	एस०एल०सी० इन्टर बी०ए०
15	मैसूर रियासत हिन्दी प्रचार समिति, बंगलौर	*राजभाषा प्रवेश *राजभाषा प्रकाश राजभाषा विद्वान	एस०एल०सी० इन्टर बी०ए०
16	सौराष्ट्र हिन्दी प्रचार समिति, राजकोट	*तीसरी	एस०एल०सी०
17	उड़ीसा राष्ट्रभाषा जगन्नाथ धाम पुरी	विनोद प्रवीण शास्त्री	एस०एल०सी० इन्टर बी०ए०

*प्रैस विज्ञप्ति संख्या एफ० 41–2/70–हिन्दी, दिनांक 20–3–1971 के द्वारा मान्यता दी गई ।

Setting up satellite station in Tripura to upgrade telecommunications

2330. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a satellite station in Tripura to up-grade tele-communications system between the towns with its capital;

(b) if so, where it is likely to be set-up and by when the project will be started;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that almost all the long distance public call offices in the State is in defunct condition since long; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to bring them in service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An earth station at Agartala is already in operation. Four additional earth stations namely Kamalpur, Sabram, Belonia and Khowai are proposed to be installed in Tripura State. The project will be started shortly and additional earth stations are expected to come in service during 7th Plan period.

(c) and (d) There are 42 LDP Ts provided on open wire lines. Out of these 35 LDP Ts are working all right. The remaining 7 are out of order due to line interruptions caused by wild elephants, extremist activities and other natural calamities. These 7

LDP Ts are likely to be started shortly.

There are 10 LDP Ts provided through MARR. Out of these five are temporarily not working due to discharge of batteries. Necessary action for charging the battery is being taken.

Taking over of the Gandhigram Institute of Rural Health and Family Welfare, Ambathurai, Tamil Nadu

2331. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received various memoranda from the Staff Association of Gandhigram Institute of Rural Health and Family Welfare, Ambathurai, Tamil Nadu and letter from Members of Parliament for take over of this institute by Government in public interest;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to be taken in this regard;

(c) whether Government have deputed a senior officer of the Health and Family Welfare Department to visit the said Institute and to submit a report;

(d) whether the report has since been submitted; and if so, what are the recommendations; and

(e) the decision taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The senior officers have visited the Institute and had held discussions with the management, staff welfare association, members of Trust and Tamil Nadu Government.

(d) and (e) On the basis of reports submitted, it has been decided that the Gandhigram Institute of Rural Health & Family Welfare should continue its present status as an autonomous organisation.

Postal facilities in Madurai District

2332. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that at present there are many villages in Madurai District in Tamil Nadu where there are no postal facilities;

(b) if so, what are the names of the places in Madurai District where postal facilities are being extended; and

(c) when the work is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Out of 1091 villages in Madurai District post offices exist in 863 villages. On average, each rural post office serves 1.26 villages. This is a very favourable position considering the fact that in the country as a whole, a rural post office serves, on average, 4.5 villages. Further, as all villages are visited by delivery agents for delivery of postal articles and payment of money orders who also sell postage stamps and stationery, book registered letters and accept letters for despatch, the question of a village not having postal facilities does not arise.

(b) and (c) All Postal Circles including Tamil Nadu have been asked to identify areas, particularly hilly, backward and tribal areas, where there is a genuine need for opening of post offices according to the norms prescribed for the purpose. In view of the ban on creation of posts, the justified proposals are to be referred to the Ministry of Finance for concurrence. It is not practicable at this stage